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LIBRARY AND MUSEUM REPORT.

The library of the Academy is now associated with that of the Historical Society as a separate department, and will be placed in the book stacks and be indexed and catalogued by the best modern and approved methods. It has been the policy of the Academy in late years to apply the funds arising from membership dues to building up this library, especially by purchase of books of great value and not likely to be found in other state collections. The library is constantly growing through its domestic and foreign exchange list, and now contains more than 7000 volumes, including those now waiting to be bound by the state printer. The combined libraries in the New Memorial Building will number more than 100,000 volumes, and with the state library will furnish by far the largest book collection in Kansas. Our museum has been greatly enriched by a gift to the Academy of the state mineral display erected at the St. Louis Exposition, and given suitable cases to hold this large amount of material. It thus has the finest economic collection of the Kansas mineral industries in the state—an exhibit which received two gold medals, twenty-two silver medals, and fourteen bronze medals. We fondly cherish the hope that this museum may continue to grow till it furnishes to Kansas advantages similar to those given to Pennsylvania by the Commercial Museum of Philadelphia.